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## New Hampshire

### 2003 Annual Report

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PORTSMOUTH → 52 LONDON → 6  
BRISTOL ← 25 LACONIA ← 12  
TILTON ← 10 PLYMOUTH ← 50


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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
CANTERBURY  
New Hampshire



Comprising those of the Selectmen,  
Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector,  
Health Officers, Road Agent, Library Trustees,  
Trustees of the Trust Funds, Planning Board,  
Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission,  
Historical Society, Police and Fire Departments.



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## DEDICATION

This 2003 Annual Report  
of the Town of Canterbury, New Hampshire  
is dedicated to:



ROBERT AND VIRGINIA DUDLEY

Bob and Virginia Dudley have lived in Canterbury over 50 years. In that time they have served on various boards and have volunteered many hours to the community. Bob was Selectmen, First Deputy of the Fire Department and a member of the Budget Committee and Historical Society, was known as the “Cheese Man”. Virginia has worked with the Ladies Benevolent Society, Ladies Fire Auxiliary, the Extension Program, was a Trustee of the Trust Funds and has been a member of the Cemetery Committee since 1963. They also volunteered at Canterbury Shaker Village – Bob making brooms and Virginia in the sandwich shop and were on the first Canterbury Fair Committee. They have been married for 53 years and have one daughter Melissa. Thank you Bob and Virginia for all you’ve done and continue to do for Canterbury.



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**Town Officers**  
(ELECTED)

Selectmen (3 Yrs.)

Michael R. Capone, Chairman (2006)  
Frank Tupper (2005)  
James Bassett (2004)

Town Clerk / Tax Collector (3 Yrs.)

Cheryl A. Gordon (2004)

Treasurer (1 Yr.)

Mary K. Witschonke (2004)

Assistant Treasurer (1 Yr.)

Greg Heath (2005)

Moderator (2 Yrs.)

Wayne Mann (2004)

School Board (3 Yrs.)

Thomas Garfield,	Belmont (2005)
Graham Chynoweth	Canterbury (2004)
Sumner Dole, Chair	Canterbury (2004)
William Hart	Belmont (2005)
Thomas Goulette	Belmont (2006)
Steven Fournier	Belmont (2004)
Vicky Chase	Canterbury (2006)

Planning Board (3 Yrs.)

Bill Egan - Chair (2006)	Jim Snyder - Vice Chair (2005)
Don Burgess (2006)	Nat Witschonke (2005)
Ken Stern (2004)	Brian Kilrain (2004)
Alternates:	
Jennifer Hopkins (2005)	Chris Bowler (2004)
Henry Turco (2003)	Jim Bassett - Selectmen
	Nancy Lilly – Secretary

Cemetery Committee (3 Yrs.)

Virginia Dudley (2004)

Hugh Fifield (2006)

Regina Lamprey (2005)

Supervisors Of The Checklist (6 Yrs.)

Mary Ann Winograd (2004)

Marcia Scarponi (2006)

Brenda Murray (2008)

Library Trustees

Claudia Leidinger, Chair (2005)      John Bouton (2004)

Chuck Sanborn (2004)      Hank Turco (2005)

Marcia Scarponi (2004)      Judy Nelson (2004)

Trustee Of The Trust Funds (3 Yrs.)

Greg Heath, Chair (2005)

Nancy Lilly (2006)

John Evans (2004)

State Representatives

Claire D. Clarke

Christopher H. Dunne

Albert Foley

William E. Leber

Priscilla Lockwood

Roy Maxfield

State Senator

Robert B. Flanders

**Town Officers**  
(Appointed)

**Clerk Of The Board**  
Janice L. Stout

**Assessing Clerk**  
Carol M. Landry

**Deputy Town Clerk**  
Patricia A. Capone

**Road Agent**  
Philip K. Stone Jr.

**Police Department**  
Gwen Deurell, Chief  
Zack Brock– Full-time Officer  
Lawrence Phillips, Part-time Officer  
Todd Sheehan – Part-time Officer  
Danielle Morse – Part-time Officer  
Janet Emerson, Secretary

**Fire Department**

Chief Dale Caswell  
Deputy Chief Don Janelle  
Captain Matt Cole  
Mike Phillip  
Tod Rix  
Geoff Hubble  
Brian Lockwood  
Dave Nelson  
Gemini Meeh  
Ben Bynum  
Lisa Nickerson

Deputy Chief Scott Ruesswick  
Captain Don Maurer  
Captain Bob Drew  
Lenny Edmunds  
James Kotusky  
Jeremy Slayton  
Kristina Chadwick  
Shawn Brechtel  
Greg Taylor  
Cullin Wible

**Fire Warden / Civil Defense Director**  
Dale Caswell

**Health Officer**  
Beverly J. Entwisle, Public Health

**Deputy Health Officer**

Vacant

**Budget Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Kenneth Sorlin (2004)

Briggs Lockwood (2005)

Mary Ellen Fifield (2005)

John S. Pratt (2006)

Al Edelstein (2006)

**Board Of Adjustment (3 Yrs.)**

Joseph Halla, Chair (2006)

F. Webster Stout (2006)

Barbie Tilton (2006)

Kent Ruesswick (2004)

Kenneth Sorlin (2004)

John Scarponi, (2004) Alternate

Lisa Carlson (2005) Alternate & Secretary

**Conservation Commission**

Robert Fife, Chair (2004)

Matthew Bowser (2006)

Jennifer Taylor (2006)

Howard Moffett (2004)

Kelly Short (2004)

Tom Roy (2004)

Darrell Covell (2005)

Teresa C. Wyman (2003) (Alt)

Faith Berry (2004)(Alternate)

Kathleen Fife (2005) (Alternate)

Fred Norton (2005) (Alternate)

**Library**

Susan Holmes, Librarian

Elaine DiStefano, Librarian

Debra Folsom, Asst. Librarian

**Building Inspector**

Jim Snyder

**Recreation Committee (3 Yrs.)**

Kenneth Robichaud, Chair (2005)

Heidi Hutchinson (2006)

Brian Collins (2005)

Harold Bowley (2004)

James Kotusky (2005)

Barbara Cook (2005)

Amy O'Brien (2006)

### Historic District Commission

Steve Booth, Chair (2004)	Virginia LaPlante (2005)
Mark Hopkins (2005) Alternate	Mark Hopkins (2005) Alternate
Ted West (2005) Alternate	Kevin Bragg (2004) Alternate
Frank A. Tupper, Selectmen's Representative	

### Economic Development Committee

Earl Hall, Chair, (2006)	Jeffrey Leidinger (2004)
Dwight Keeler (2004)	William Rice (2006)
Peter Hofman (2006)	Chance Anderson (2004)
Michael Capone, Selectmen's Rep	

### Recycling Committee

Heidi Hutchinson, Chair	Norman Bowles
Jill McCullough	Linda Chynoweth-Peters
Melanie Stephens	Sarah Tirrell-Wysocki
Frank Tupper, Selectmen's Representative	

WARRANT FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
State of New Hampshire

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Canterbury Elementary School in said Canterbury on Tuesday, the Ninth Day of March, 2004, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see if the town will vote on the following zoning amendments proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot.

Question #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 3 DEFINITIONS shall define what shall constitute a Commercial Kennel.

Question #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 3 DEFINITIONS shall ensure that our definition of Farm, Agriculture and Farming is consistent with state statutes as defined by RSA 21:34 and as it may be amended from time to time.

Question #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 11 NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS. The Planning Board is charged by statute with taking the long view of community planning. In essence, the board must be conscious of what constitutes prudent planning, and ensure that the intent of that planning remains logical, legal, current and intentional. In 1971, Canterbury developed a Master Plan, (Plan for Tomorrow) and in 1978 the town passed one of New Hampshire's first growth control



ordinances. That foresight has provided for stable and predictable growth to date.

A critical dimension of that stability has been Article 11, and inclusion of a limit on overall growth. Building permits are presently to 4% of the number of year-round dwellings. The courts take issue with limits, and suggest that towns must manage growth in the context of the regional growth.

Article 11 as amended reduces the general growth rate to 3% while allowing for some unused permits to carry over to a following year. It also requires the planning board to review the building permit cap at least every two years to ensure that our rate of growth remains consistent with regional growth, is appropriate in the context of our resources and continues to promote the Purposes stated in the Master Plan.

## SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday, the twelfth of March, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to eight hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$860,000) for the purchase of three parcels of land on the Merrimack River known as the Gold Star Sod Farm and Nursery, together 525 acres more or less, Map 4 Lot 31-1, Map 5 Lot 17 and Map 5 Lot 18 (including any buildings and structures thereon); and to further authorize the issuance of up to eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue, negotiate and regulate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose. Two-thirds ballot vote required. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
4. To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty thousand one hundred sixty one dollars (\$80,161) for the purchase of a dump truck and authorize the withdrawal of fifteen thousand seven hundred and twenty eight dollars (15,728) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve and fifteen thousand four hundred and one dollars (\$15,401) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve previously established. The balance of forty nine thousand thirty-two dollars (49,032) is to come from general taxation. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six-thousand five hundred dollars (\$6,500) to purchase Town Clerk and Voter Census Software. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand three hundred seventy five dollars (\$3,375) to purchase a photocopier for the Town Offices. (Recommended by the Selectmen) To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of removing or renovating the Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge and to appropriate the sum of five thousand three hundred dollars (\$5,300) as an initial funding amount. Further, to

name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of three-thousand dollars (\$3,000) from the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund to renovate the transfer station Building and purchase a baler, conveyor and storage trailer to bale and store plastics and aluminum. (Recommended by the Selectmen)
9. Shall the town vote to modify an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value, for qualified taxpayers shall be thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000). To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the Federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, or not more than thirteen thousand four hundred dollars (\$13,400) or, if married, a combined net income of not more than twenty thousand four hundred (\$20,400) excluding the value of actual residence and up to 2 acres of the minimum single family residential lot size specified in the local zoning ordinance.

To transact any other business that my legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and four.

Michael R. Capone, Chairman

Frank A. Tupper

James P. Bassett

# 2004 Budget - Town of Canterbury

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>					
Selectmen Salaries	6,100.00	4,000.00	6,100.00	0.00	
Health Insurance	32,500.00	31,571.88	36,600.00	4,100.00	
Postage	1,000.00	587.49	750.00	-250.00	
Clerical Wages	35,000.00	31,866.75	37,000.00	2,000.00	
Office Equipment Repairs	250.00	160.00	250.00	0.00	
Selectmen Seminars	150.00	60.00	150.00	0.00	
Telephone/Internet	2,000.00	1,862.43	2,000.00	0.00	
Printing	200.00	101.01	200.00	0.00	
Office Equipment	2,000.00	2,731.98	1,500.00	-500.00	
Office Supplies	2,750.00	2,199.82	2,750.00	0.00	
Software Support		0.00	1,275.00	1,275.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>81,950.00</b>	<b>75,141.36</b>	<b>88,575.00</b>	<b>6,625.00</b>	

## TOWN REPORT

Print/Mail Town Report	5,500.00	5,138.77	5,500.00	0.00
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## ELECTION, REG & VITALS

Town Clerk Seminars	500.00	744.00	750.00	250.00
Dog Tags	1,500.00	1,820.13	1,500.00	0.00
Election Wages	500.00	309.00	1,200.00	700.00
Election Advertising	150.00	76.43	150.00	0.00
Election Supplies	0.00	326.80	1,600.00	1,600.00
Voting Machine	150.00	185.00	2,700.00	2,550.00
Town Clerk Fees - Regs	4,200.00	5,264.83	4,200.00	0.00
Town Clerk Fees - Stickers	3,000.00	2,442.50	3,000.00	0.00
Town Clerk Fees - UCC	0.00	1,750.00	0.00	0.00
Vital Statistic Fees	150.00	147.00	150.00	0.00
Deputy Town Clerk Salary	12,500.00	12,565.00	12,500.00	0.00

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>Election, Reg &amp; Vitals (cont)</b>					
Marriage License Fees	300.00	547.15	400.00	100.00	
Town Clerk Equip Repairs	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	
Town Clerk Office Supplies	750.00	1,406.54	750.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,950.00</b>	<b>27,584.38</b>	<b>29,150.00</b>	<b>5,200.00</b>	

#### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Tax Collector Salary	17,655.00	17,655.00	17,655.00	0.00	
Registrar of Deeds	1,000.00	855.06	1,000.00	0.00	
Tax Collector Fees	2,000.00	1,736.00	2,000.00	0.00	
Outside Auditing	4,950.00	4,950.00	4,950.00	0.00	
Tax Map Maintenance	300.00	86.25	300.00	0.00	
Tax Collector Seminars	700.00	794.00	1,000.00	300.00	
Treasurer Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	
Treasurer Seminar	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	
Software Support	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Tax Collector Office Supp	2,750.00	2,383.97	2,750.00	0.00	
Tax Collector Postage	2,500.00	2,531.95	2,500.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,855.00</b>	<b>33,992.23</b>	<b>36,755.00</b>	<b>1,900.00</b>	

#### CEMETERIES

Cemetery Wages	8,000.00	9,553.50	8,000.00	0.00	
Sub-Contractor	350.00	1,650.00	350.00	0.00	
Equipment Repairs	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
Gasoline & Oil	300.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	
Parts & Supplies	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,350.00</b>	<b>11,203.50</b>	<b>9,350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>GEN. GOVERNMENT BLDG</b>					
Center Electricity	260.00	277.41	260.00	0.00	
Police Dept Electricity	500.00	584.25	600.00	100.00	
Historical Society Maint	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	
Historical Society Electricity	300.00	280.06	300.00	0.00	
Town Bldgs Heat/Oil	8,000.00	8,844.74	8,500.00	500.00	
Town Hall Maintenance	100.00	215.42	200.00	100.00	
Town Hall Electricity	260.00	356.43	360.00	100.00	
Hwy/FD Maintenance	2,800.00	1,511.86	800.00	-2,000.00	
Town Building Emer Fund	3,000.00	31.00	3,000.00	0.00	
Hwy/FD Electricity	2,000.00	2,870.78	2,200.00	200.00	
Sam Lake Maintenance	500.00	386.70	500.00	0.00	
Sam Lake Electricity	1,000.00	1,300.50	1,200.00	200.00	
Police Department Maint	1,000.00	780.26	500.00	-500.00	
<b>Total</b>	19,820.00	17,439.41	18,520.00	-1,300.00	
<b>BLDG NEEDS COMM</b>	5,000.00	816.47	1,000.00	-4,000.00	
<b>REVAL OF PROPERTY</b>					
Property Update/Pickups	5,000.00	5,950.00	5,000.00	0.00	
<b>LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	7,000.00	11,019.90	7,000.00	0.00	
<b>ZONING BOARD</b>					
Secretary Wages	1,400.00	771.00	1,400.00	0.00	
Seminar	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	
Postage	600.00	332.86	400.00	-200.00	
Advertising	800.00	570.26	600.00	-200.00	
Supplies	50.00	5.99	50.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	2,900.00	1,680.11	2,500.00	-400.00	



	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
Postage	650.00	906.50	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secretary Wages	3,100.00	3,976.25	3,100.00	0.00	0.00
Seminars	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Professional Fees	2,500.00	135.00	1,000.00	-1,500.00	
Advertising	300.00	827.50	300.00	0.00	0.00
Printing	650.00	514.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	350.00	139.38	350.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,700.00</b>	<b>6,498.63</b>	<b>6,200.00</b>	<b>-1,500.00</b>	

#### REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Tax Collector Dues	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Town Clerk Dues	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
NH Municipal Association	1,300.00	1,271.24	1,375.00	75.00	
Central NH Planning	1,934.00	1,934.00	1,934.00	0.00	0.00
NH Resource Recover	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Assoc of Assessing Dues	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Reg/Conc Solid Waste	20.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Upper Merrimack River	55.00	100.00	100.00	45.00	
Federal DOT Drug Testing	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00
NH Health Officer Assoc.	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,694.00</b>	<b>3,465.24</b>	<b>3,814.00</b>	<b>120.00</b>	

	2003 Appropriated	2003 Spent	2004 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Wages	110,000.00	94,681.85	113,500.00	3,500.00	
Sub-Contractor	50,000.00	47,429.50	50,000.00	0.00	
Sem/Dues/Subscriptions	400.00	485.00	300.00	-100.00	
Prosecutor	500.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	
Cruiser Maintenance	2,000.00	4,217.91	2,000.00	0.00	
Health Insurance	18,000.00	12,359.28	18,000.00	0.00	
Telephone	3,000.00	4,627.58	3,000.00	0.00	
Radios & Repairs	1,000.00	374.83	800.00	-200.00	
Dispatch	7,050.00	7,455.00	7,050.00	0.00	
Gas/Oil	4,000.00	2,290.88	4,000.00	0.00	
Office Supplies	1,900.00	1,836.97	1,500.00	-400.00	
Uniforms	4,000.00	5,141.43	1,500.00	-2,500.00	
Supplies/New Equipment	1,300.00	870.05	2,400.00	1,100.00	
Retirement	11,000.00	9,549.96	13,600.00	2,600.00	
Training	1,000.00	400.00	800.00	-200.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>215,150.00</b>	<b>191,720.24</b>	<b>218,950.00</b>	<b>3,800.00</b>	

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Reimbursement	7,800.00	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00	
Forest Fire Costs	800.00	229.96	800.00	0.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	12,000.00	14,597.80	12,000.00	0.00	
Training & Prevention	2,000.00	2,286.65	2,000.00	0.00	
Dispatch	11,972.00	11,972.00	13,566.00	1,594.00	
Communications	6,000.00	6,165.57	6,000.00	0.00	
Dry Hydrants	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Gasoline & Oil	1,100.00	592.00	1,100.00	0.00	

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>Fire Department (cont)</b>					
Fire & Rescue Equipment	16,000.00	14,754.32	16,000.00	0.00	0.00
Office Equipment	800.00	602.55	800.00	0.00	0.00
Medical Training	1,300.00	495.00	1,300.00	0.00	0.00
Medical Equipment	3,000.00	3,003.08	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,000.00	2,178.59	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Forest Fire Equipment	3,000.00	2,255.80	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,772.00</b>	<b>66,933.32</b>	<b>69,366.00</b>	<b>1,594.00</b>	
<b>CIVIL DEFENSE</b>					
	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.00	
<b>BUILDING INSPECTION</b>					
Gasoline			150.00	150.00	
Seminars	100.00	450.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies/Telephone	500.00	1,266.68	500.00	0.00	0.00
Salary	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
Code Enforcement			4,000.00	4,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,600.00</b>	<b>4,716.68</b>	<b>7,750.00</b>	<b>4,150.00</b>	
<b>HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>					
Wages	142,400.00	143,864.21	146,700.00	4,300.00	
Sub-Cont/Equip Rental	12,000.00	9,200.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
Equipment Repairs	20,000.00	19,229.20	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Health Insurance	36,000.00	38,040.24	43,800.00	7,800.00	
Retirement	12,000.00	8,265.34	13,000.00	1,000.00	
Telephone	800.00	806.39	800.00	0.00	0.00
Supplies	4,000.00	5,440.77	4,000.00	0.00	0.00
Gasoline & Diesel	13,000.00	7,827.50	13,000.00	0.00	0.00
Tires	3,000.00	1,730.80	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>243,200.00</b>	<b>234,404.45</b>	<b>256,300.00</b>	<b>13,100.00</b>	

	2003 Appropriated	2003 Spent	2004 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>					
Salt	10,000.00	9,786.14	10,000.00		0.00
Road Tar	50,000.00	47,164.60	50,000.00		0.00
Road Improvements	50,000.00	49,463.25	50,000.00		0.00
Sand & Gravel	30,000.00	29,206.09	30,000.00		0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>135,620.08</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>
<b>CULVERTS &amp; BRIDGES</b>					
Culverts & Bridges Maint	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00		0.00
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>					
	1,200.00	1,133.80	1,100.00		-100.00
<b>SOLID WASTE</b>					
Central NH Waste	1.00	0.00	1.00		0.00
Health Insurance	9,300.00	3,850.28	10,542.00		1,242.00
Wages	40,638.00	24,095.26	40,638.00		0.00
Recycling Services	15,000.00	13,682.63	15,000.00		0.00
Truck Repair	250.00	0.00	250.00		0.00
Telephone	400.00	418.15	400.00		0.00
Supplies	400.00	81.43	100.00		-300.00
Electricity	1,600.00	1,396.75	1,600.00		0.00
Fuel Oil	200.00	36.00	200.00		0.00
Building Repair/Maint	5,500.00	2,630.73	5,500.00		0.00
Seminars	200.00	15.00	300.00		100.00
Hazardous Waste	2,000.00	0.00	0.00		-2,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,489.00</b>	<b>46,206.23</b>	<b>74,531.00</b>		<b>-958.00</b>
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>					
Co-op Fee Ash Disposal	33,324.00	27,161.07	29,600.00		-3,724.00

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Animal Control	100.00	880.00	500.00	400.00	
<b>HEALTH AGENCIES</b>					
Hospital	700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00	
Penacook Rescue	21,000.00	20,824.00	21,000.00	0.00	
Belmont Rescue	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	26,700.00	26,524.00	26,700.00	0.00	
<b>WELFARE</b>					
Welfare Administrator	3,000.00	420.00	1,000.00	-2,000.00	
Direct Assistance	3,000.00	8,891.30	8,000.00	5,000.00	
Aid/Disabled VNA	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	
Comm Action Program	1,789.00	1,789.00	1,789.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	8,789.00	12,100.30	11,789.00	3,000.00	
<b>LIBRARY</b>					
Wages	29,500.00	29,798.87	32,230.00	2,730.00	
Insurance	9,240.00	9,240.48	10,542.00	1,302.00	
Maintenance Repairs	1,659.00	2,221.15	1,159.00	-500.00	
Books/Mags/Tapes	6,883.00	6,726.37	6,883.00	0.00	
Programs	500.00	657.76	650.00	150.00	
Dues/Meetings/Education	230.00	223.49	80.00	-150.00	
Telephone	600.00	484.13	450.00	-150.00	
Electricity	1,000.00	1,044.35	1,000.00	0.00	
Postage	100.00	88.80	100.00	0.00	
Equipment Supplies	3,000.00	2,935.58	2,000.00	-1,000.00	
<b>Total</b>	52,712.00	53,420.98	55,094.00	2,382.00	

	2003	2003	2004	(+/-)	Encumbered
	Appropriated	Spent	Appropriated		
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM</b>					
Secretary Wages	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Postage	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Printing	100.00	43.29	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>43.29</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>					
Website/Legal/Signs	500.00	3.32	250.00	-250.00	
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>					
Repairs	200.00	0.00	0.00	-200.00	
Equipment	800.00	0.00	500.00	-300.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-500.00</b>	
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>					
Memorial Day	100.00	61.25	100.00	0.00	
Fourth of July	6,500.00	3,221.58	4,000.00	-2,500.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>	<b>3,282.83</b>	<b>4,100.00</b>	<b>-2,500.00</b>	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>					
Dues	175.00	200.00	400.00	225.00	
Postage	25.00	46.25	25.00	0.00	
Printing & Advertising	125.00	25.00	125.00	0.00	
Supplies/Signs/GIS Supplies	697.00	295.61	475.00	-222.00	
Prof. Services/Speakers	600.00	100.00	500.00	-100.00	
Training/Conferences	180.00	78.00	180.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,802.00</b>	<b>744.86</b>	<b>1,705.00</b>	<b>-97.00</b>	
<b>HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>					
Preservation Expense	1,250.00	1,400.00	1,000.00	-250.00	
Misc. Supplies	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>1,400.00</b>	<b>1,150.00</b>	<b>-250.00</b>	



	2003 Appropriated	2003 Spent	2004 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>					
Gasoline & Oil	100.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	
Seminars	100.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00	
<b>Total</b>	200.00	0.00	100.00	-100.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	1,088,158.00	1,006,225.45	1,114,750.00	26,592.00	
<b>DEBT SERVICES</b>					
Principal Municipal Bldg	0.00	0.00	120,735.00	120,735.00	
Interest Municipal Bldg	0.00	0.00	114,399.75	114,399.75	
Interest / Fees	18,000.00	17,952.92	0.00	-18,000.00	
Tax Anticipation Note	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	
FICA	27,000.00	29,142.47	30,000.00	3,000.00	
Insurance	27,000.00	30,351.79	32,000.00	5,000.00	
Principal for Bond	60,000.00	60,000.00	55,000.00	-5,000.00	
Interest for Bond	8,707.50	8,707.50	6,300.00	-2,407.50	
<b>Sub Total</b>	1,231,865.50	1,152,380.13	1,476,184.75	244,319.25	
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>					
Highway Truck	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Highway Grader	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Highway Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Fire Apparatus	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Rescue Equipment	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	-1,000.00	
Conservation Commission	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	-20,000.00	
Land Fill Closure	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	
Revaluation	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	95,000.00	95,000.00	70,000.00	-25,000.00	
<b>OPERATING</b>					
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	1,326,865.50	1,247,380.13	1,546,184.75	219,319.25	

	2003 Appropriated	2003 Spent	2004 Appropriated	(+/-)	Encumbered
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>					
03-03 - Municipal Complex	2,625,000.00	174,669.91	0.00		35000 (2002)
03-04 - Land Purchase	83,000.00	82,256.87	0.00		3684.70 (2002)
03-07 - Defibrillator	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00		21,864.13
03-08 - Police Cruiser	32,000.00	31,722.96	0.00		1,588.02
Town Hall Renovations			0.00		1,018.76
Building Review			0.00		76,258.55
Road Construction		7,602.77	0.00		
Highway Mechanic Tools		1,432.66			
GIS Mapping		1,018.76			
Building Review		6,525.00			
04-03 - Gold Star Property			860,000.00		
04-05 - Highway Truck			80,161.00		
04-06 - Town Clerk Software			6,500.00		
04-07 - Photocopier			3,375.00		
04-08 - Bridge Capital Reserve			5,300.00		
<b>Total</b>	2,744,000.00	309,228.93	955,336.00		
<b>TOTAL WITH</b>					
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	4,070,865.50	1,556,609.06	2,501,520.75		
Merrimack County Tax		373,686.00			
Shaker Regional Tax		2,555,618.00			
Refunds		11,702.05			
Tax Collector - Sales		0.00			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		4,497,615.11			

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING**  
**FIRST SESSION**  
**MARCH 11, 2003**

**2003 BALLOT**

Board of Selectmen: 1 position, 3 years

Michael Capone                      300

Treasurer: 1 position, 1 year

Mary F. Witschonke      314

Planning Board: 2 positions, 3 years

William Egan                      305

Donald Burgess                  279

Cemetery Committee: 1 position, 3 years

Hugh Fifield                      19

Trustee of Trust Funds 1 position, 3 years

Nancy Lilly                      306

**Proposed Zoning Changes**

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.1. FRONT SETBACK would set the minimum setback of all structures at 50 feet from any front boundary.

**YES 248      NO 87**

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.3. POND SETBACK would add wording that would bring the town into compliance with the Shoreline Protection Act.

**YES 281      NO 57**

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.2.B.7. under STRUCTURE SETBACK would set the minimum structure setback from the front property line at 25 feet on

lots of 25,000 square feet or less existing as of November 1, 1999. It eliminates the wording that allows the minimum structure setback to be lessened to not less than 25 feet from the property line by special exception approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

**YES 243    NO 86**

Amendment #4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is a correction to Article 5.3.C. TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES to show that pre-site built housing is allowed in the Rural Zone and not in the Industrial Zone.

**YES 239    NO 94**

Amendment #5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is an addition to Article 5.3.C. TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES regarding outdoor storage of plants, aggregate and/or other non-toxic landscaping materials required for the permitted business.

**YES 248    NO 71**

Amendment #6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 14.5 ZONING DISTRICT REQUIREMENTS would allow collocation of wireless telecommunication antennae on existing structures in the Historic and Resource Reserve Natural Districts by a conditional use permit.

**YES 172    NO 166**

Amendment #7: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 5.3.C. TABLE OF PRINCIPAL USES - LIST OF USES would prohibit accessory apartments in the Industrial Zone.

**YES 196    NO 138**

Amendment #8: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #8 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

This amendment to Article 8.1.B. under VARIANCES is a change of wording, indicating that granting a variance would not be contrary to the public interest, rather than stating that granting the variance would be a benefit to the public interest.

**YES 260    NO 76**

Amendment #9: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #9 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment to Article 8.1.C. under VARIANCES brings the wording regarding denial of a variance up to the current Supreme Court standard.

**YES 282    NO 49**

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING**  
**SECOND SESSION**  
**MARCH 14, 2003**  
(Business Portion)

Wayne Mann, Moderator, opened the second session of Town Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2003. The salute of the flag was lead by Chief Gwen Deurell and Officer James Dunn.

The moderator made reference to the Town Report. The 2002 Annual Town Report cover is a painting of the Elkins Library by Sally Ladd Cole. Recognition was given to all the volunteer boards that serve the town. The report is dedicated to Lisa Carlson and Al Edelstein who have been the epitome of volunteerism in town running the Canterbury Fair for nine years. The moderator read the results of the balloting from the first session of the Town Meeting held on Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

A review of the ground rules was presented.

For Articles 3 and 4 the polls were open for one (1) hour and each article had its own ballot box.

**ARTICLE 3**

Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of two million six hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$2,625,000) for the following improvements to Town buildings: construction of a new Town Municipal building to house the Highway, Police and Volunteer Fire departments. The renovation of the existing highway, police and volunteer fire department building into a Town Library and meeting space. The addition of bathroom, kitchen and handicap accessible space to the Town Hall, and handicap accessible improvements to the Elkins building and to authorize the issuance of not more than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore to authorize the removal of one hundred twenty five thousand (\$125,000) from the library capital reserve fund created for this purpose?

Ken Jordan moved the adoption of this article, Charlie Cook seconded.

Move the vote Steve Baker, Hank Turco seconded.



Article 3 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 289 to 139. There was no motion to reconsider this vote.

**ARTICLE 4**

Are you in favor of raising and appropriating the sum of eighty three thousand dollars (\$83,000) to purchase a 5 +/- acre parcel of land located on Baptist Road (Tax Map 8, Lot 075.001) to be used by the Town for future needs and to authorize the issuance of not more than eighty three thousand (\$83,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon?

Charlie Cook moved the adoption of this article, Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Article 4 was voted on by secret written ballot and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote 337 to 89. There was no motion to reconsider this vote.

**ARTICLE 5**

To raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Charlie Cook moved the adoption of this article, Diane Jacobsen seconded.

Priscilla Lockwood makes motion to remove the \$5,000 in Special Events.

Motion seconded by Marlene Hall.

Hand vote taken on removing the \$5,000 from Special Events and adding it to the Fourth of July line item.

Bob Lockwood moved the question, Jeremy Slayton seconded.

Motion carries

Vote taken on question and passed.

Vote on article 5 passes, new budget \$1,296.865.50

**ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be placed in the existing Revaluation Capital

Reserve Fund and further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this reserve fund.

Charlie Cook moved the adoption of this article, Ken Jordan seconded.

Article 6 was voted on and passed.

#### **ARTICLE 7**

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to purchase a refurbished defibrillator for the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department.

David Tirrell-Wysocki moved the adoption of this article, John Evans seconded.

Move the question Howard Moffett, Bob Lockwood second

Article 7 was voted on and passed.

#### **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty two thousand dollars (\$32,000) to purchase a new cruiser for the Police Department.

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article, Pat Manning seconded.

Article 8 was voted on and passed.

#### **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to appoint a deputy treasurer.

Michael Capone moved the adoption of this article, Jim Bassett seconded.

Move the question

Motion carries

#### **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the town wishes to amend the existing agreement under section 218 of the social security act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1200. The \$1200 limit on the excludable amount of remuneration

paid in a calendar year for the services specified in this modification will be subject to adjustment for calendar years after 2002 to reflect changes in wages in the economy without any further modification of the agreement, with respect to such services performed during such calendar years, in accordance with Section 218(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.

Bob Lockwood moved the adoption of this article, Cheryl Gordon seconded.

Article 10 was voted on and passed.

## **ARTICLE 11**

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12<sup>th</sup> highest cost of insurance in the country; and

Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to the rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved.

That we, the citizens of Canterbury, New Hampshire, call our elected officials from all levels of government, and those seeking office, to work with consumers, businesses and health care providers to insure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un-and underinsured and small business owners, has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effecting;
- That these efforts help control the skyrocketing cost of health care

Given under our hands and seal, this eighth day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and three.

Peter Hofman moved the adoption of this article, Mark Hampton seconded.

Article 11 was voted on and passed.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

John Leggett thanked the building needs committee for the wonderful work they performed to bring this project along.

Kevin Bragg remarked on how the Town tax rate has not changed in the last 4 years, and commented on the enthusiasm in this group and wished to thank the selectmen and volunteer boards that keep the cost down of running this Town.

Jim Bassett said the board was remiss in the discussion of the budget in not thanking the Budget Committee; Ken Sorlin, Maryellen Fifield, John Pratt, Andy Scanlon, Sewell Smith and Briggs Lockwood. It's a credit to their efforts that the town tax rate has not increased in four years. Special thanks to them and all other boards that we work with and who do so much for the town.

Simon Leeming called for a round of applause for his neighbors, Lisa Carlson and Al Edelstin, for their work in the community.

John Evans made a motion to close the meeting. The motion was seconded by Priscilla Lockwood. The meeting was dissolved at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Capone for  
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

A true copy attest:  
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
RECOUNT OF AMENDMENT 6  
MARCH 24, 2003**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Wayne A. Mann, Moderator. The meeting was convened under RSA 669:30-35 and RSA 40-4c

Ten registered voters have filed a petition and paid the \$10 fee to have a recount of ballot question #6 from the balloting conducted on March 11, 2003. Petitioners are Carol Landry, Arthur Landry, Meredith Kopperel, Jessica Kopperel, James Lilly, Sr., Janice Stout, F. Webster Stout, James Lilly, Jr., Cynthia Bailey and Michael French.

By law the Board of recount consists of the Moderator, Town Clerk and the Board of Selectmen.

Selectmen James Bassett was not available and under the authority granted by law Robert Lockwood was appointed and sworn in to replace him. Other members of the board are Cheryl Gordon, Town Clerk; and Selectmen Michael Capone and Frank Tupper.

The original vote from March 11, 2003 was 172 Yeas and 166 Nays; the recount is 171 Yeas and 166 Nays.

I declare that amendment 6 passes. It will be so certified on March 29, 2003 and become final, unless sooner appealed to the Superior Court.

As there was not other business to come before the board of recount the meeting is dissolved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patricia A. Capone for  
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

A true copy attest: Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

**REVENUE TO OFFSET  
2003 BUDGET**

	Estimated 2003	Actual 2003	Estimated 2004
<b>TAXES</b>			
Yield Tax	30,000	19,105.53	30,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	25,000	34,169.56	30,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	11,700	9,250.00	6,500
Excavation Tax \$0.2 per CY	272	76.76	100
Excavation Activity Tax	0	0	0

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL  
REVENUES – STATE**

Shared Revenues	15,910	15,910.00	9,953
Meals & Rooms Tax	51,588	61,086.15	61,086
Highway Block Grant	67,827	73,907.38	73,907
Reim. State Fed Forest Land	300	555.35	384

**LICENSES & PERMITS**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	300,000	357,785.50	315,000
Building Permit Fees	4,000	9,628.00	7,500
Other Lic. Permits & Fees	4,000	4,105.00	5,000

**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

Income from Departments	40,000	77,390.07	50,000
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**MISC. REVENUES**

Interest on Deposits	30,000	15,878.24	7,600
Recycling	9,000	4,792.63	6,000
Health Insurance Reimb.		16,425.37	17,000
Total	589,597	700,047.54	619,430

Appropriations Recommended	1,546,184.75
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	955,336.00
Total Appropriations Recommended	2,501,520.75
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	619,430
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised:	1,972,090.75



**TOWN OF CANTERBURY**  
**LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS**  
**STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS**

December 31, 2003

**TOWN BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT BOND**

Rate of Interest	3.00% - 6.00%
Amount of Original Issue	\$2,500,000
Date of Original Issue	7/17/2003
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15 & August 15
Payable at :	State Street Bank & Trust CT

**MATURITIES**

FYE	Principal	Interest	FYE	Principal	Interest
2004	\$120,735	6.00%	2014	\$115,000	3.00%
2005	\$115,000	4.00%	2015	\$115,000	5.00%
2006	\$115,000	4.00%	2016	\$115,000	5.00%
2007	\$115,000	4.00%	2017	\$115,000	5.00%
2008	\$115,000	4.00%	2018	\$115,000	4.75%
2009	\$115,000	5.00%	2019	\$115,000	4.75%
2010	\$115,000	5.00%	2020	\$115,000	4.75%
2011	\$115,000	5.00%	2021	\$115,000	4.75%
2012	\$115,000	5.00%	2022	\$115,000	4.00%
2013	\$115,000	5.00%	2023	\$115,000	4.00%

**GRADER/BUILDING/INDUSTRIAL PARK BOND**

Rate of Interest	3.27%
Amount of Original Issue	\$255,000
Date of Original Issue	2/18/02
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15
Payable at:	Citizen's Bank

Fiscal Ending Year	Principal	Interest
December 31, 2003	60,000.00	4657.50
December 31, 2004	55,000.00	3150.00
December 31, 2005	50,000.00	2325.00
December 31, 2006	45,000.00	1575.00
December 31, 2007	45,000.00	787.50



# TOWN OF CANTERBURY

## SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY

Land	26,289,411
Residential Buildings	83,149,486
Commercial/Industrial	762,600
Public Utilities	1,660,762
<b>Total Gross Valuation</b>	<b>111,862,259</b>
Less Elderly Exemptions	145,000
Solar Exemptions	105,650
Blind Exemptions	30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	84,050
Net Valuations on which the tax rate for Municipal County & Local Education tax is computed:	111,497,559
Less Public Utilities	1,660,762
Net Valuation on which the State Education Tax is computed:	109,836,797
Loss due to Veteran's Exemptions	9,800
Loss due to Total Disability	1,400
Town Tax Rate	5.20
County Rate	3.33
School Tax Rate	16.78
State Education Tax	6.64
	<hr/> 31.95
Current Use Land	519,679
No. of acres granted for Current Use Exemption:	10,374.99

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	208,500
Furniture and equipment	500
Library land and buildings	135,200
Furniture and equipment	100,000
Police Department Building	32,500
Contents	500
Highway Garage/Fire Station	306,000
Contents	4,000
Historical Building	89,000
Contents	20,000
Sam Lake House, land and buildings	138,600
Contents	10,000
Transfer Station, land and improvements	85,500
Salt Shed Building	25,000
Brick and Wood Frame Bandstand	12,800

Tax Map/Lot	Location	
04.021.002	Industrial Site	74,400
14.017	Worsted Church Lot	1,100
15.007	Maple Grove Cemetery	25,800
04.008	L/O e/s Intervale Road	42,100
04.015	L/O w/s Intervale Road (Gift)	66,000
07.046	L/O off e/s Borough Road	24,500
08.016.004	North West Road (Conservation Easement)	4,100
08.020	L/O e/s Route 132	10,500
08.038.002	L/O w/s Kimball Pond Road	950
08.041	L/O Kimball Pond (Gift)	43,500
10.005	L/O e/s Briar Bush Road	52,400
11.014	L/O e/s Abbott Road	40,800
11.027.001	L/O s/s Baptist Road	5,600
11.031	L/O off Baptist Road	22,600
11.032	L/O off Baptist Road	14,100
11.035	L/O s/s Baptist Road	19,600
11.033	L/O off s/s Baptist Road	28,800
11.036	L/O Baptist Road	4,700
12.016	L/O Whitney Hill Road	21,600
12.020	L/O Spender Meadow	11,300
12.027	L/O Spender Meadow	13,900
12.028	L/O Spender Meadow	29,000
13.007	L/O e/s Misery Road	45,100
15.013	L /O e/s Abberton Road (Gift)	7,900
16.015	L/O e/s Whitney Hill Road	26,900

17.004.002	L/O off Route 106, Rocky Pond	2,600
17.004.005	L/O Mountain Road	2,200
17.004.007	L/O Mountain Road	2,200
17.004.008	L/O Mountain Road	2,400
17.004.010	L/O Mountain Road	5,650
17.004.011	L/O off Route 106	4,300
17.004.012	L/O Mountain Road	4,300
17.004.014	L/O Mountain Road	31,400
17.004.024	L/O Snowshoe Hill Road	4,200
21.017	L/O w/s Shoestring Road	403,800
02.334	L/O Island New Pond	4,400
02.335	L/O Island New Pond	3,200
02.333.002	Flowage & Dam Rights	2,500
09.035.001	L/O n/s Old School Road	300
10.015.001	L/O 340 Baptist Hill Road	32,600
18.002	L/O e/s Route 106, Shaw Road	800
20.004.024	L/O Open Space	1,700
20.004.023	L/O Open Space	2,800
20.004.022	L/O Open Space	2,700
20.004.021	L/O Open Space	3,900
20.004.027	L/O Open Space	2,100
20.004.026	L/O Open Space	1,700
20.004.028	L/O Open Space	1,600
20.004.025	L/O Open Space	1,700

#### LAND ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX DEEDS:

01.004.001	L/O n/s Intervale Road	3,500
01.011	L/O n/s Intervale Road T/L	100
01.012	L/O n/s Intervale Road T/L	300
02.001	L/O Shore of New Pond	4,700
02.022	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700
02.111	L/O 54 Canterbury Shore Drive	7,000
02.133 & 137	L/O Friar Tuck Road	4,700
02.139 & 141	L/O Friar Tuck Road	4,700
02.150 & 152	L/O Robin Shore Drive	4,700
02.204	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	4,700
02.231	L/O Canterbury Shore Drive	11,100
02.252	L/O Nottingham Road	4,700
02.266.002	L/O Nottingham Road	12,800
02.288	L/O Nottingham Road	4,900
02.289	L/O Old Gilmanton Road	4,700

# TREASURER'S REPORT

## 2003

Tax Collector	3,711,242
Town Clerk	357,768
Municipal Agent	13,435
State of New Hampshire	151,459
Income from Departments	76,160
Interest on Investments	15,878
Sale of Municipal Property	18,000
Health Insurance Reimbursements	16,425
	<hr/> 4,360,367

Selectmen's Orders Paid	1,463,663
Capital Reserve	95,000
School Tax	2,555,618
County Tax	373,686
TOTAL EXPENITURES	<hr/> 4,487,967

GENERAL FUND BALANCE ON HAND	<hr/> 1,010,828
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### NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL

General Fund	446,584
Conservation Commission Fund	155,679
Patriotic Purposes	438
Bond	2,508,074
TOTAL NHPDIP FUNDS	<hr/> 3,110,775

- Conservation Fund includes Deposit in Transit from General Fund of \$38,199

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Auto Permits & Postage	357,785.50
Municipal Agent Fees	8,028.50
Dog Licenses	3,985.00
Marriage Licenses	291.00
Vital Records	44.00
<b>Total</b>	<hr/> 370,137.00

Cheryl A. Gordon  
Town Clerk

## Annual Report Of The Canterbury Board of Selectmen

As has been the case in recent years, our Town continues to grow. The building cap for the construction of new homes was reached for the first time since the late 1980's. This increased growth and the pressures that accompany it have kept the Board and Administrative Staff very busy in 2003. Our focus has been on providing quality service to the Town's citizens while finding effective ways to deal with long-term growth and its implications.

Among the projects the Board worked on this year was the revision of the Road Standards for the Town. Working with the Road Agent and other Town departments, the Board has developed standards that are more consistent with the rural nature of the Town.

After meeting with the Department of Revenue Administration, the Board sent out a revised bid package for the Town wide Revaluation, which is to be completed by April 1, 2006. After the bids are received and a selection is made, the revaluation process will begin in 2004.

The Board also signed a Five year agreement with the City of Concord that will allow septage haulers who service Canterbury to use the Hall Street facility. This brings the Town into compliance with a State regulation that requires Towns to have an agreement in place with a State approved septage disposal facility.

The Board recently selected Aries Engineering to drill a new series of water monitoring sites at the Town landfill. The results of samples taken from these sites will help us determine what else we will have to do to meet the State requirement for closure of the landfill.

In November of 2003, the Board convened a meeting of Town Boards and Committees. The purpose of the meeting was to have the members of these groups meet each other and discuss the function of their group and some of the key challenges they face. The meeting was well attended and there was a lot of sharing of ideas between groups with areas of common interest. We plan to convene another meeting in the spring of 2004 after the new members and Chairs are seated to discuss Town wide plans for the new year.

Ongoing projects include developing plans for a part time code enforcement officer for the Town, working with the Building Needs Committee on the Town building projects, monitoring the activity of the Regional Solid Waste Cooperative with respect to the potential landfill site at exit 17 and working with the Department of Transportation's Traffic Control Committee monitoring major events at the New Hampshire International Speedway.

Once again we would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Jan Stout and Carol Landry. They continue to find new and creative ways to provide a high quality of service to folks in Town and their efforts are greatly appreciated by the Board.

In closing, we would like to thank all the folks who volunteer their time to the community. Canterbury is a better place for your efforts. We would like to ask those who are new to Town to consider lending a hand as well. Town Boards and Committees are always looking for members and help is always needed for various Town activities. Please contact the Town office if you are interested in lending a hand. The rewards are great.

Our best to all in 2004!!

Respectfully submitted

Michael R. Capone, Chairman  
Frank A. Tupper  
James P. Bassett



Cheryl A. Gordon, Tax Collector For The Town of Canterbury, NH

Summary of Tax Warrants

For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

	LEVY OF <u>2003</u>	LEVY OF <u>2002</u>	LEVY OF <u>2001</u>	LEVY OF <u>2000+</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes - Beginning</b>				
Property Taxes		236,483.69	1917.00	-73.04
Land Use		14,365.48		
Yield Taxes		352.77		
Interest		170.11	127.97	
Penalties - Other Taxes				
Other Charges		16.25	56.25	-15.50
<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>				
Property Taxes #3110	3,554,776.33			
Land Use Change #3120	124,237.84			
Yield Taxes	29,073.25			
Excavation Tax #3188	76.76			
<b>Overpayment</b>				
Property Taxes	21,775.83			
Collect. Int. - Late Taxes #3190	3914.78	13391.91	809.61	-8.22
Penalties - Other Taxes		393.00		
Costs Before Lien #3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>3,733,854.79</b>	<b>265,173.21</b>	<b>2910.83</b>	<b>-96.76</b>

# Remitted to Treasurer

Property Taxes	3,302,130.99	136,340.37	1425.46
Land Use Change	35,537.84	13,345.48	
Yield Taxes	24,110.95	352.77	
Excavation Tax	76.76		
Interest	3,914.78	13,391.91	809.61
Penalties - Other Taxes		240.00	20.00
Conversion to Lien		100,009.02	
Cost not Liened			
Overpayments	21,892.51		

# Abateements Made

Property Taxes	14,562.33	134.30	
Land Use Change Tax	29,920.00	1020.00	
Interest		170.11	
Current Levy Deeded	308.00		
Yield Taxes	683.85		

# Uncollected Taxes #1080

Property Taxes	237,775.01	491.54	-73.04
Land Use Change Tax	58,780.00		
Yield Taxes	4161.77		
Interest		127.97	-8.22
Penalties - Other Taxes		153.00	
Other Charges		16.25	-15.50
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>3,733,854.79</b>	<b>265,173.21</b>	<b>-96.76</b>

Cheryl A. Gordon, Tax Collector For The Town of Canterbury, N.H.  
 Summary of Tax Lien Accounts  
 For the Year Ending December 31, 2003

	TOTAL	LEVY OF 2002	LEVY OF 2001	LEVY OF 2000+
Unredeemed Liens – Beginning of Year			43,300.99	36,482.27
Liens Executed during year		107,647.05		
Interest & Cost		5,247.19	5,219.49	13,405.89
Total		112,894.24	48,520.48	49,888.16

Redemptions	82,793.51	27,950.67	30,707.47
Interest & Costs #3190	5247.19	5,219.49	13,405.89
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	40.26		
Liens decded to Municipality	626.49	677.31	4,985.57
Unredeemed Lien Balance #1110	24,186.79	14,673.01	789.23
Total	112,894.24	48,520.48	49,888.16

Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2003

# Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2003

Name and Purpose of Trust	How Invested *	Principal			Income			Total Principal & Income
		Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains (Losses)	Balance at End of Year	Income	Expense	
Nonexpendable Trusts:								
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	0564-0006	200.00			200.00	10.83	1.76	212.59
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	0564-0007	4,000.00			4,000.00	222.84	35.47	4,258.31
Lucia Elkins - Library Repairs	0564-0008	1,000.00			1,000.00	55.33	9.21	1,064.54
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	0564-0009	3,000.00			3,000.00	167.12	26.44	3,193.56
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	0564-0010	424.00			424.00	23.86	3.75	451.61
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	0564-0017 &	27,475.00	750.00		28,225.00	9,580.02	274.44	33,386.06
Bow Mills Checking								
Cemetery Improvements	0564-0016	8,625.00	250.00		8,875.00	3,189.26	96.58	12,160.84
Lucia Elkins - S&W Poor	0564-0011	6,987.00			6,987.00	6,836.97	97.96	6,994.28
John Kezar - School District	0564-0012	3,702.10			3,702.10	206.29	32.74	3,941.13
Thompson Memorial	0564-0015	500.00			500.00	1,242.18	13.54	1,755.72
Benevolent Fund - Glasses Dental	0564-0013	700.00			700.00	2,142.82	22.85	2,865.67
Canterbury Youth Fund	0564-0014	751.00			751.00	2,133.75	23.10	2,907.85
		57,364.10	1,000.00	-	58,364.10	25,811.25	637.84	73,192.14
						11,621.05		14,828.04

Expendable Trusts;  
Capital Reserve Funds

Activity	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Highway Equipment	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	728.44	101.40	829.84	15,829.85						
Highway Trucks	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	401.12	98.92	500.04	15,500.04						
Revaluation	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	1,752.45	70.08	1,822.53	31,822.53						
Transfer Station	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,556.15	327.74	20,883.89	40,883.89						
Road Grader	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	4.98	54.98	59.96	10,059.96						
Library	145,000.00	145,000.00	145,000.00	10,625.20	1,257.02	11,882.22	156,882.22						
Rescue Equipment	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	490.43	139.91	630.34	20,630.34						
Fire Equipment	15,000.00	5,000.00	20,000.00	490.43	139.91	630.34	20,630.34						
Conservation	40,000.00	20,000.00	60,000.00	1,204.02	391.90	1,595.92	61,595.92						
Landfill Closure	260,000.00	95,000.00	355,000.00	36,233.22	2,640.93	38,804.15	393,894.15						
<b>Totals</b>	317,364.10	96,000.00	413,364.10	62,064.47	3,278.77	11,621.05	467,086.29						

\* How Invested: Numbers beginning 0564 are separate funds within the NII Public Deposit Investment Pool of MBI/A Municipal Investors Service Corp.

## Canterbury Historical Society Report

The Canterbury Historical Society had a very successful year. We started off in March to shake the winter blues away with a dance and potluck supper featuring "The Musical Chairs" led by Peter Yarensky and Theresa Wyman. In April we had a wonderful time visiting Roy Hutchinson's sap house while he was boiling. Stories of old time sapping were great to hear. Carl and Betty Peterson came in May and presented "A Funny Thing Happened at the Store". A wonderful evening full of stories and laughs. Everyone appreciated Carl and Betty sharing their stories. New this year was "Old Home Day" at the Fair. The theme was to provide a place for people to gather, chat, have lunch and meet old friends. Catherine Dickson, our greeter, was special. "Old Home Day" will become an annual event at the Fair. In August we had our annual Fiddlin' Picnic on the lawn of the Parish House. There were fiddlers from Canterbury and the surrounding area. The fiddlers and potluck picnic were enjoyed by all. David Watters spoke to us in September on New Hampshire Gravestones Past and Present. This was an enlightening program on the religious beliefs, history and community values of the dead and living. In October we held our first Antique Appraisal Day with appraisers from Skinner Inc. It was fun to see what came out of attics for treasures and was a successful fundraiser for the Society. Our annual meeting in November brought us four outstanding Canterbury cabinetmakers - David Lamb, Sam Chase, Tom McLaughlin and Ted West. Each presented a unique piece of furniture and described its construction. A really great program!

We will be having a climate controlled archival room in the new library. This will be a great improvement in the preservation of Canterbury's history as well as make the collection more readily available to the people.

Many thanks to the outgoing Trustees - Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki, Rick Zeller, Ollie Fifield, and Kate Goegel, and current Trustees - Bob Scarponi, our new vice president; Chuck Sanborn, recording secretary; Doneta Fischer, corresponding secretary; Gordon Jackson, treasurer; Steve Andriks, and Hal Posselt. We welcome new Trustees - Mason Newick, Sandy Scripture, Barbara Cook and Ann Weger. The Trustees would especially like to thank Ginger Laplante, curator, who has spent many hours organizing museum collections. Betsy Black for doing the Canterbury Histivia each month in the church newsletter. Hopefully, a replacement to continue by the time this is printed. A thank you also goes to volunteers and friends who give their time and energy to help make CHS a vital organization to preserving Canterbury's history past and present.

Pam Jackson, President

## Cemetery Trustees Report

It has been brought to my attention that we should put a copy of the Canterbury Cemetery Regulations in the Town Report. I hope folks will read and go by these. We lucked out this past year and found Jeff Barry who did a great job along with the Highway Department in keeping our cemeteries respectable.

### Canterbury Cemetery Regulations

1. All lot owners shall be governed by the rules of the Cemetery Trustees.
2. The Cemetery Trustees shall be responsible for all cemetery affairs- revising rules and rates as conditions change.
3. The Maple Grove and Center Cemeteries shall be kept in such condition as to be a credit to the community. All outlying cemeteries to be mowed annually, or as needed.
4. All lots sold shall include Perpetual Care. Price at this time is \$200.00 per grave unit with \$150.00 of this amount for perpetual care, \$50.00 for cemetery improvements.
5. Perpetual care shall mean the annual upkeep only. Initial grading, seeding, purchase of stone and stone maintenance shall be the responsibility of the lot owner.
6. A. concrete vault or liner is required for all burials.
7. No monument or stone shall be erected until lot purchase is paid in full.
8. Only one upright memorial per two or more grave lots. Single grave markers and corner posts are to be flush with the grade.
9. No curbing, fencing, hedging, or enclosures of any kind shall be allowed around any lot. The Trustees reserve the right to remove the same if so erected, planted or placed.



10. No change of grade without the approval of the Trustees.
11. No lot owner shall erect or place or cause to be erected any memorial without prior approval of location from the Trustees.
12. All work done in the cemetery shall be subject to the approval of the Trustees.
13. No breakable containers to be used for plants or flowers.
14. No bicycles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, off highway recreational vehicles or horses shall be permitted in the cemetery.
15. The Trustees shall keep all records as required by law.
16. The Trustees shall compile and have printed a list of rules and regulations and make them available to all interested parties.
17. The cemeteries shall be closed from the time of the first snow until the spring thaw. No interments will be permitted during this time nor will the roads be plowed.
18. Lots to be sold to resident families only.
19. In case of hardship special consideration will be granted at the request of the Selectmen.

## Elkins Library 2003 Report

The year 2003 saw a significant increase in the numbers of books, audiotapes, videotapes, DVDs, and magazines that were borrowed from the Elkins Public Library. Interlibrary loans increased as well. The library sponsored more programs in 2003 and added new patrons. Tuesday hours and increased Saturday hours have been well received and we hope to increase Tuesday hours with our proposed budget.

The passage of the bond issue at the March 2003 Town meeting ended many years of space and overcrowding issues. While sad to leave our lovely old building, the trustees are anxiously awaiting the move the larger facility. As of yet we have no knowledge of how the old library will be used by the town.

Our computers have been very busy with Internet searches, writing reports, and emailing. Our ATT broadband connection continues to save the town money and to allow quick connection to the Internet. Internet use has more than doubled. A new fax machine has increased our library's service to the community. Elkins Library now has fully computerized checkout that makes tracking books infinitely easier.

The Friends of the Library group has continued to be incredibly active. They meet on a regular basis and have organized several fundraising events. An ongoing craft sale in the fall netted the library over \$1000. The Friends' enthusiasm and continued support are greatly appreciated.

Our July reading program once again reached a large number of Canterbury children. A generous grant from the State Library helped to fund this very successful program. Weekly story hours were well attended, and third graders from the Elementary School visited on a weekly basis. Our Christmas open house was cancelled due to a snowstorm but an afternoon of music and food is planned for early March.

Once again our library has benefited from the unselfish donation of that most precious commodity, time. From our librarians, trustees, Friends, volunteers, and fair workers, we have received many, many hours. Thanks to all.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Leidinger Chairperson of the Trustees

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

### Total Circulation of Materials:

Adult Fiction	4,212
Adult Non-Fiction	1,079
Youth Fiction	4,571
Youth Non-Fiction	650
Audio Cassettes	1,162
Video Cassettes	2,907
Magazines	394
CD's	198
DVD's	305
Inter-Library Loans	561

### Materials purchased in 2002

Adult Fiction	144
Adult Non-Fiction	43
Youth Fiction	141
Youth Non-Fiction	58
Audio Cassettes	17
Video Cassettes	140
DVD's	36
Donations (Books, Audio's & Videos)	12

This has been another productive year busy with library activities including 39 programs for adults and children such as story hour, summer reading, book discussion group and other special events with a total of 356 children and 345 adults in attendance. The inter-library loan service dramatically increased 42 percent. Elkins patrons borrowed 561 books from libraries throughout the State and loaned out 265. The new DVD and books on CD collection is developing steadily with increasing demand. The Children's World Book Encyclopedia is new to the collection and a fax machine was recently acquired.

We wish to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who have presented programs, assisted with the book sale, and donated materials and professional services over the past year. Special thanks are extended to the devoted Friends of the Library steering committee for great ideas and many hours of service.

Susan LeClair, Director  
Elaine DiStefano, Assistant  
Debra Folsom, Assistant

## Annual Report Of The Canterbury Police Department

Throughout 2003, the members of your police department continued a proud tradition of providing the highest degree of Law Enforcement to the Town of Canterbury. We enforced and investigated motor vehicle and criminal laws and handled an ever-increasing number of calls for service. All administrative investigations are handled here, as well as the investigation of pistol permit applications and pre-employment background investigations for department employees. The members of this department were, for the most part, part-time employees whom continually multi-tasked as patrolmen, detectives and prosecutors. We asked a lot from our officers in the little time they were here. I am honored to say they rose to the challenge with remarkable results.

In 2003, a burglary we investigated resulted in three arrests recovered stolen property and solved a number of burglaries throughout the Merrimack and Belknap counties. This was a great follow-up to us solving The Canterbury Country Store burglary in 2002, which also resulted in two arrests and solved over fifty other similar burglaries in the state. Along with burglaries we covered untimely deaths, domestic offenses, sexual assaults, drug and alcohol offenses, frauds, bad checks, missing persons, vandalism, child abuse cases and provided police coverage for every NASCAR race at NHIS and the Canterbury Town Fair. All though the above operations keep us busy, there are many other areas that we are committed to.

Community policing...it is all about you. The police Department sponsored its first Annual Valentine's Day Blood Drive at the Canterbury Elementary School and it was a big success. Over 44 pints of blood were received. Thank you to all that came and supported such an important event. Our members also donated their own time to participate and support various events for The Special Olympics. We were thrilled to be able to join in with the, newly moved, Halloween festivities. Much thanks to the *unknown officer* who helped us hand out candy. I would also like to say a big hello and thanks to all the students and faculty at CES! You were all great listeners at the Halloween safety talks and we appreciate your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to make a plea on behalf of all First Responders. Please check and make sure that your house number is clearly marked on both sides of your mailbox, house or other marking device. These reflective numbers should be at least three inches tall, so that the operators of the various emergency vehicles can easily see them. Doing this one simple thing will enhance our ability to provide you with the best possible service in the shortest amount of time.

In conclusion, I would like to say this...there is nothing small about a small town police department. We care, we are competent and we want to hear from you. Your input and support are needed in an effort to improve the department. I invite you to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns. I want to thank the residents for their continued support of the department and its mission, and congratulate and thank the staff of the police department for their efforts this past year.

Gwen E. Deurell  
Chief of Police



## Annual Report Of The Canterbury Fire Department

Canterbury Fire & Rescue is a volunteer organization whose job it is to preserve life and property in the Town of Canterbury. All 19 active members are volunteers. They respond to calls from their homes or from their workplace. From our single fire station in the Town Center, we operate six vehicles: two rescue/pumpers; a hazardous spills remediation-capable utility pumper; two forestry rigs and a rescue truck. We fight house fires and car fires, brush, field, and forest fires, and address a full range of medical and rescue emergencies.

We maintain vehicle accident extrication and stabilization skills (utilizing the "Jaws of Life" and air bags) along with ropes rescue and water and ice rescue capabilities. Medical emergency calls are an ever-increasing part of our service to townspeople. Seven EMT's and two paramedics are ready to assist with CPR, oxygen therapy and heart monitoring/defibrillation. We are also trained in off-the-road search and rescue techniques often involving skiers, snowmobile riders, mountain bikers, hunters and hikers. In 2003 there were **242** calls for service. Although that's 3 less than last year, it's still about double what it was 10 years ago. The calls are broken down into the two major categories of Medical and Fire.

**110 Medical Aid (EMS)** of which 40 were Motor Vehicle Accidents (26 of these on the Interstate). Our EMT's and paramedics provide initial primary care, stabilize the injury and prepare the patient(s) for transport to the hospital. These services range from treating minor injuries not requiring a hospital visit to a higher level of care from our paramedics. Paramedic services include drug therapy, intravenous medications and heart monitoring/defibrillation.

### 132 Fire Calls:

Mutual Aid assistance 12	Fire in a building (Mutual Aid) 6
Fire in a building (Canterbury) 3	Fire in a building (Mutual Aid) 6
Odor Investigation (outside) 2	Odor Investigation (inside) 6
Outside fire investigations 11	Brush and forest fires 2
Chimney fires 2	Illegal brush fires (no permit) 16
Heating Appliance Problems 3	Vehicle fires 7
Service calls 12	Hazardous materials spills 5
Unintentional alarm activation's 15	Off road rescue 1
Malicious false alarms 0	Vehicle overheating 9
CO detectors sounding 4	Power lines down 16

**Total 2003 calls 242**

The following Life Safety and State Fire Code Inspections  
were completed:

School safety compliance 7

Business code compliance 6

Other inspections 4

72 State of NH brush burning permits were issued by our 5 Wardens, and  
11 Inspections of logging operations for compliance with the NH Timber  
Harvest Laws were carried out.

We find ourselves striving to do more with fewer people. Even with the  
addition of three new members, our 19 men and women still each  
volunteer an average of 20 hours a week to train, maintain equipment  
and respond to calls. To maintain the service you have come to expect  
we have committed what resources we receive from the Town to  
purchasing modern, efficient equipment; equipment which helps to  
guarantee the safety of our members--your neighbors--as they assist you  
in your emergency.

We responded to 55 calls on the Interstate, about 22% of our total calls.  
These calls are usually intense trauma experiences for our crews, take  
longer to remediate and cost more in equipment wear and tear than any  
of the other calls we make. We hope that the legislature can see it's way  
to funneling some relief in the form of federal funds to the impacted  
towns.

Please remember to Dial 911 for all your emergency needs. During brush  
fire season (when the snow no longer completely covers the ground), a  
Burn Permit Hot Line is available at 783-4798. This number connects  
you to a recording, which will provide information on when brush  
burning is allowed and the procedure for obtaining a State of New  
Hampshire burning permit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chief Dale Caswell



## Annual Report Of The Canterbury Planning Board

For years, Mike Capone has represented the Selectmen on the Canterbury Planning Board. In his classic cryptic way, he has been conscience, sage, historian and stoic keeper of the humor. His tenure ended earlier this year, and we've missed his independent thought. We are pleased, however, to have Jim Bassett as representative, and consequently back on the board.

In 2003, a year of dramatic changes in home prices, land prices and interest rates, Canterbury has been well served by its extended history of wise planning and forethought. As surrounding town scurry to cope with demands for lodging and land, Canterbury has seen a degree of stability, in an unstable time. Six requests for subdivision have created three new lots. Three additional requests to be heard before March may add three additional lots resulting in six new lots created for the year. The board has also approved eight requests for site plan review, including a public hearing intended to review the building projects proposed by the town.

As its essence, the board is charged with taking the long view of community planning. The responsibility then becomes shaping ordinance and intent to ensure the planning remains current, legal and logical. As a board we have begun the earnest addressing the issue of affordable housing. The statutes will increasingly use this as a measure of the willingness of towns to soften the need for a balanced housing market. We must consider this in part because to fail to develop a coherent plan would result in legal jeopardy. The most compelling reason to address this issue, however, is that to more readily reflect such a balance of housing needs to honor and affirm the history of diversity so evident in Canterbury.

I cannot conclude without mention of Nancy Lilly. She gathers the seeds of our thoughts, and causes them to flower in the minutes. We each thank you Nancy.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill Egan, Chairman

**TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: 2004-2010**

DEPARTMENT # Project	Estimated Project Cost (2003 dollars)	Priority Rating	Estimated Donations	Reserve funds as of 2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Beyond this CIP Post 2010	TOTAL
<b>Town Municipal Complex</b>													
1 Highway / Police / Fire Department / Library / Town Hall / Elkins Building	\$2,700,000	Essential			\$235,000	\$214,000	\$210,000	\$205,000	\$200,000	\$190,000	\$184,000	\$2,382,750	\$3,820,750
<b>DEPARTMENT: RECYCLING</b>													
2 Plastics Granulator	\$5,000	Deferrable										\$5,000	\$5,000
<b>DEPARTMENT: CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>													
3 Land Acquisition-Hidreth Field	\$200,000	Deferrable	\$50,000	\$60,000								\$90,000	\$200,000
<b>DEPARTMENT: HIGHWAY</b>													
<b>DEPARTMENT: FIRE/RESCUE</b>													
4 Rescue Truck	\$180,000	Enhancement		\$20,000								\$50,000	\$180,000
5 Pump Truck	\$200,000	Enhancement		\$20,000								\$260,000	\$200,000
<b>DEPARTMENT: POLICE</b>													
6 Replacement of 2001 cruiser	\$32,000	Essential					\$32,000						\$32,000
<b>DEPARTMENT: PLANNING BOARD</b>													
7 Digitize Tax Maps	\$6,400	Enhancement										\$6,400	\$6,400
<b>PREVIOUS PROJECTS/DEBT PAYMENTS</b>													
8 Grader / Ind Park / Building Improvements					\$61,000.00	\$55,000	\$45,000	\$48,000					\$213,000
<b>RESERVE FUNDS (for projects not otherwise listed above)*</b>													
Fire Apparatus					\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$34,000
Rescue Apparatus					\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$34,000
Revaluation					\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$210,000
Conservation Land					\$0	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$120,000
Highway Equipment					\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$34,000
Highway Truck					\$4,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$34,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$3,423,400			\$100,000	\$342,000	\$339,000	\$361,000	\$323,000	\$270,000	\$315,000	\$309,000	\$2,814,150	\$5,223,150
<b>Approximate Portion of Tax Rate for capital project spending</b>					\$3.42	\$3.39	\$3.61	\$3.23	\$2.70	\$3.15	\$3.09		

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**NOTES:**

- Figures shown in italics represent amount placed in reserve
- Figures shown in bold represent bond payments including interest.
- Loans were calculated assuming 4.5% interest, equal annual principal payments

\* These are capital reserve funds already established by the town for future projects not yet specifically identified. Figure 1 shows suggested allocations for future years based on previous years' amounts

*NOTE: The Canterbury Planning Board has prepared this CIP as an advisory document for use by the Town Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen, and residents. The preparation of this CIP does not commit the Town of Canterbury to fund any of the projects within, nor to schedule any projects in a certain order, nor does it preclude other projects from being funded by the Town.*

**PRIORITY RATINGS DESCRIPTION**

Class	Description
Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cannot be delayed, needed immediately for health and safety, or</li> <li>Needed to maintain basic level and quality of community service; or,</li> <li>Projects involving the regular replacement of equipment with a typical useful life of 10 years or less</li> </ul>
Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Desirable within 6 years to improve quality or level of service</li> </ul>
Deferrable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can be placed on hold until after 6-year period, but supports community development goals; or,</li> </ul>
Inconsistent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project which needs more research, planning, or coordination</li> <li>Contrary to land use planning or community development goals, or,</li> <li>Does not meet definition of capital improvement</li> </ul>

**Town of Canterbury  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
2003 Review**

<b>Case #</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Appeal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
2003-1	Carol & Art Landry Brad Taylor Commercial Boarding Kennel	Special Exception	Granted
2003-2	Christopher Walton Garage Construction	Special Exception	Granted
2003-3	Linda Chynoweth Peters Home Occupation	Special Exception	Granted
2003-4	Robert Chisholm Home Occupation	Special Exception	Granted
2003-5	Cheryl Ann & Peter Arvanitis Commercial Parking Lot	Special Exception	Granted
2003-6	Arthur LaBrecque Storage Garage	Special Exception	Granted
2003-7	Belknap Builders	Variance	Withdrawn
2003-8	Naomi Scanlon Bed & Breakfast	Special Exception	Granted
2003-9	Joseph Pinard Building Permit	Administrative Appeal	Granted

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Carlson

## Annual Report Of The Canterbury Conservation Commission

In 2003, the Conservation Commission continued its commitment to maintaining Canterbury's rural character by conserving and protecting those parcels of land containing important natural resources and scenic vistas.

Some of these parcels have been acquired through conservation easements, outright acquisitions, and delinquent tax property takings. These parcels prove to be valuable assets as they are contiguous to existing protected lands.

### Land Acquisitions and Easements

- *Rocky Pond* – Additional properties have been added and more are being considered through outright donations, delinquent taxes, and land owners selling their land to the Town. A total of 80 acres have been acquired.
- *Baptist Hill Road Marsh* – A 12 acre conservation easement containing a section of a pond and marsh was completed this fall.
- *Big Meadow* – additional land adjacent to parcels already under easement.
- *Other* – Crane Neck Pond and Marsh area, Schoodac Meadow, Kimball Pond, Misery Road, and assisting land owners with information about how to place their land under conservation easements. These potential areas of consideration would add additional protected areas adjacent to the areas mentioned above.

### Maintenance and Monitoring

- *Riverland Beach Area* – parking lot and wetland walk have been maintained through the efforts of abutting land owners. Thanks to Galen Beale, Clinton Pitts, and Matthew Cadarette for their help.
- *Intervale Canoe Launch* – Litter pick up, brush cutting and poison ivy control.
- *Kimball Pond Conservation Land* – maintenance, mowing, native tree plantings, and wildlife observations were conducted all year. Thanks to Mark Stevens for mowing and for his outstanding volunteer stewardship.
- *Easement monitoring and boundary work* – Bob Fife cut brush and re-blazed boundary lines of several parcels this year, including the Hannah Moore Lot located off Abbott Road.

**Misery Lot Area** – More land potentially to be acquired in the near future.

**All Town Department Meeting** – The Commission attended and participated in a beneficial Town department meeting to meet

members, learn, and discuss the duties and current projects of other boards in Town.

**Aerial monitoring** with Tom Roy at the helm, Mark Stevens, and Bob Fife of the Town documenting with still photos and video for future reference and GIS mapping processes.

**GIS (Geographic Information System)** – land use planning tool for the Town boards.

- Kathie completed GPS'ing and created a GIS map of the Snowmobile Trail System in Town and cross boundaries (abutting towns)
- Matt Bowser created the first series of base maps
- The Commission applied to the free Community Conservation Assistance Program from the Cooperative Extension to help the Commission begin a comprehensive natural resource inventory.
- *Co-Occurrence Analysis* – the GIS subcommittee is currently working towards the next phase of GIS natural resource Mapping of the Town

#### **Other**

- *Hildreth Land* on Kimball Pond Road – The Town continues its proactive approach in acquiring this parcel
- *Strategic Planning* – The Commission completed it's set of Goals, Strategies Priorities, and wrote a new set of By-Laws
- The Commission joined 5 Rivers Trust, UMLAC (Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee) for joint efforts with monitoring and management of the Merrimack River and Open Space initiatives
- Members actively attended workshops, seminars, and meetings of other committees and boards in Canterbury, Loudon, Northfield, and Concord.
- Results from last years' 2002 Conservation Questionnaire has been beneficial to other Town boards, and the Town of Loudon Conservation Commission has used the format to create their own survey.

The Conservation Commission would like to **thank all** those involved with volunteering their time and skills to better the town through their dedicated efforts. And thanks to the town officials for keeping the Commission informed about new and ongoing issues affecting the natural resources in Town.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Fife, Chair  
Canterbury Conservation Commission



## Annual Report Of The Economic Development Committee

In September, Pike Industries completed the finish coat of paving and widening the entrance to the Town industrial land located at Exit 18. While the Committee attempted to market lots within the park on its own during the first nine months of the year, we were unsuccessful. As a result, in September the Committee voted to engage a commercial real estate broker to more actively market the property. The Committee interviewed three local firms and selected Premier Properties as the broker. As part of the marketing effort, listings have been posted on the internet and in local and statewide publications. While demand for industrial land in the area remains soft and no lots have yet been sold, the Committee is convinced that engaging a full-time broker with statewide and regional contacts to actively market the property is the most effective way for the town to realize in the near future the type of development we are seeking.

As noted in last year's report, the Committee remains committed to careful development of the property for several reasons: to maintain the town's character and image, to ensure that any development is sensitive to the existing property uses within the neighborhood, and to ensure that, as properties are developed, the interests and investments of then existing owners are protected. In this vein, we revised the covenants previously developed for the industrial site to ensure development of consistent quality and compatible uses.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hall, Chairman

## Recycle Committee Annual Report – 2003

**THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE SAM LAKE HOUSE AT 6:30 P.M. THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS AT ANY TIME.**

A special thank you to Faith Berry the afternoon my wife passed away for covering when I left. Also David Heath and Michael Capone on Saturday afternoon. A thank you to the Highway Department for their services and use of their equipment. An excellent job.

In August, we started a mixed glass program. It is trucked to New London and stock piled at a cost of \$10.00 per ton, plus trucking charges. When it has been crushed 3/8" or less, we can bring a load back.

I made an application for a Plastics Grant in August. Out of seventeen towns that applied, Canterbury was one of three towns awarded the grant. This grant would be used to purchase a small baler for plastics and aluminum cans, as well as renovations to the building. In 2004 we plan to apply for another Oil Grant to cover the tank and maybe a little paving.

In November, a cement slap was poured under the C & D roll off. It is working very well.

### Annual Reconciliation:

	Shipped	Weight	
Trash	819.32	Tons	
Mixed Paper	163 .00	Tons	
Aluminum Cans	3.90	Tons	
Tin Cans	7.40	Tons	
Light Metal	175.00 (est.)	Tons	
Construction Waste	120.00 (est.)	Tons	
Textile	4.25	Tons	
Glass	55.77	Tons	
Florescent Bulbs	2695	Linear feet	
Batteries (rechargeable)	200	each	
Oil	750	gallons	
Plastic	9.00	Tons	
	3834.02		





# CANTERBURY BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

## REPORT TO THE SELECTMEN, 2004

The Canterbury Building Needs Committee has been meeting almost weekly since the March 2003 Town Meeting authorizing the building of a new municipal complex and library. Discussions and planning has been ongoing with the architects, project coordinator and various town committees and department heads. Among the accomplishments have been the following:

The Robinson land on Baptist Road has been surveyed, subdivided, title searched and purchased.

Site engineering has been done; site drawings completed and submitted to appropriate state agencies and necessary approvals and permits obtained.

Building plans have progressed from the original conceptual drawings to completed drawings and plans. These have been done with the involvement of Fire, Police and Highway departments and the Historical District Commission and the Library Committee.

The Baptist Road site has had the driveway installed and site prepared for the pouring of concrete.

Actual start of construction is anticipated between mid March and the first of April. Project completion is expected by the end of this year. The committee has been very conscious of budget limitations and continues to strive for the most functional and attractive buildings in keeping with Canterbury's rural character, while keeping in line with projections.

The CBNC is very appreciative of the support and cooperation it has received from the citizens of Canterbury, and looks forward to the actual building phase with enthusiasm.

Kent Ruesswick, Chairman  
Gordon Jackson  
Ted West  
Charlie Cook  
Billie Richert – Secretary  
Cathy Menard (Alternate)  
Virginia LaPlante (HDC Rep)

Ken Jordon, Asst. Chairman  
Beth Blair  
Bob Fife  
Jeremy Slayton  
Gary Spaulding (Alternate)  
Kevin Bragg (HDC Rep)  
Michael Capone (Selectmen's Rep)

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY

The Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association (CRVNA) continues to offer comprehensive health services to the residents of Canterbury. The following is a description of services:

Home Care Services respond to the health care needs of those patients with acute or chronic illnesses that require skilled professional and para-professional care so they may return to or remain in their homes.

Hospice Services provide professional and para-professional services to the terminally ill patient. The goal is to enhance the quality of the patient's life by helping them remain at home in comfort and dignity.

Professional and para-professional hourly home services are provided on a private fee-for-service basis. Health education and instruction are part of each home or clinic visit.

Anyone in Canterbury may request service: patient, doctor, health facility, pastor, friend or neighbor. A nurse will coordinate a plan of care with the patient's physician to meet their specific needs. If the patient does not have a physician the nurse will assist in identifying one and schedule a visit. The agency has developed a program with the NH-Dartmouth Family Practice Residency Program to coordinate a house call visit by a resident to the home.

A call to Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association is all that is necessary to start services or make inquiries. The CRVNA office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. A nurse is on call 24 hours a day at 1-800-924-8620.

Total visits made during October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003:

	<u># of Clients</u>	<u>Visits</u>
<b>Home Care/Hospice</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,970</b>
Community Health Services		
-Flu Shots	18	18
-Health Clinic	2	2
-Baby's Homecoming	16	16
-Senior Health	2	2
Community Health Total	38	38
<b>Total Clients and Visits</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,013</b>

# HISTORY OF THE CANTERBURY TOWN HALL (MEETING HOUSE)

The following sketch of this historic building is from the pen of Miss Mary E. Clough, being an able address delivered by her at the dedication of the present town hall, in 1884:

“Assembled as we are to-night for the first time in our new and commodious hall, it seems fitting to say our good-bye and pay respect to the old. Our present building is to all appearance a new one, and yet we need look back only a few months to be reminded that it has a history. Five hundred dollars were appropriated for the present repairs; we will learn ..what its previous costs have been. No building in town ..has known such vicissitudes, none has served such various uses. The younger portion of this audience may not know that it was originally a church, and that the same frame has withstood the wind and weather for nearly one hundred and thirty years. Still its timbers are sound and strong.

“..As early as 1743 we find that an appropriation was made for the building of a fort and meeting-house in Canterbury, but no further action had been taken until 1750. At a meeting of the proprietors of the town..it was agreed that a vote passed September 21, 1743, about building a meetinghouse for the public worship of God in Canterbury... be confirmed and the dimensions fixed. ‘Voted that said meeting house to be raised, the outside finished, the windows made and glazed and a lower floor laid at or before the last day of September, in the year 1751. The house shall be forty-five feet in length by thirty-five in breadth.’

“..The work seemed to go on slowly. This is not surprising when we consider the difficulty of the undertaking. There was land to till to furnish subsistence, houses to be built to shelter themselves and their families, hostile Indians to watch and to fight, the timbers and boards to hew and finish without the aid of modern tools and machinery. ...

“An ingenious plan was resorted to for the inside finishing. The pew-ground...of which there were eighteen lots, was sold at public vendue. Each purchaser, must, within two years, build his pew in a handsome and workman-like manner; failing to do this he forfeited his pew-ground...

“The house was ready for occupancy in the autumn of 1756..the committee to receive the meeting-house, having first viewed and found it finished according to the vote of the proprietors..The house as thus finished seems to have served the dual purpose of church and town-house, without change, up to the year 1785, at which time the matter of repairing or building new was brought up.

“..The second and third articles in the town-meeting warrant of February 1, 1785 are to see if the inhabitants will take any measure for repairing the meeting-house, ..and if not, see if they will take it down and build a new one. At the meeting

called by this warrant it was voted to raise money for repairing; also to move it across the road .Also voted 'to shingle and clapboard the fire-side of the meeting-house, and clapboard the west end and repair the east end and lay the gallery floor and put rails on the breast of the galleries and put pillars under the gallery girths.'

"The work does not appear to have been effected at this time, for again on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1789, a special town-meeting was called for the same purpose. At said meeting it was voted 'that this meeting-house be removed to the north side of the road, ... At an adjourned meeting it was voted that Benjamin Blanchard should clapboard and shingle the fireside of the meeting-house for thirty-four dollars' worth of neat stock, and at the same time a committee was appointed 'to see that this meeting-house, on the outside, be done workman-like.'

"In June of the same year money that came from the sale of the pew-ground.was voted for the making of two porches, one at each end. Again, the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the same month, eighteen pounds was voted for repairs. This seems to have ended the struggle, and the old house was not disturbed again by the sound of axe and hammer for over thirty years. ...To it devout worshipers made their weekly pilgrimages, and in it the stormy town meetings were annually held. ...

"There came a time, about the year 1823, when the building was thought to be a place unfit for a place of religious worship.The frame has settled so much that on one side an open space of six inches was left between the roof and walls, where the winter winds and storms could sweep in at will; ..there was no way of warming the building; the windows were old and loose, and many cracks and seams in the sides and about the doors admitted more fresh air than was necessary...

"In the year 1823 the voters of the town were called upon to decide whether it should again be fitted up for a meeting-house and town-house, or whether a modern church should be built. .This much was speedily settled, — that it was not expedient to repair the old meetinghouse for a place of religious worship, and it was decided to build a new. But what to do with this building in order to fit it out for town purposes called out project after project, and special meeting upon special meeting. The more conservative ones said , spare it; the radicals, tear it down. The matter was pending for several years before anything was accomplished. At the March meeting of 1825.an article in the warrant proposed 'to see if the town will vote to build a town-house...The same year it was voted that 'the town-house be located within thirty rods of the old meeting-house, [and] that the old meeting house be cut down to one story, moved and finished for a town-house...And so it would seem that the matter was pretty nearly adjusted. But not so; a petition of thirty ... voters called for a special meting the 18<sup>th</sup> of the following April to reconsider the vote of March 25<sup>th</sup>, also to see if the town will vote to locate a new town-house on the hill west of John Sutton's; to see if they will sell the old west meeting-house (this building).;to see how much money the town will vote. ..Another article in the warrant calls for a house in the easterly part of the town, — this to serve as church and town house. And so the war of words went on. ..When the voters disagree, the majority usually decides. But not so, said these men. At the meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup> it



was voted that 'the town clerk go to the selectmen of Warner, requesting them to come to this town as a committee to locate the town-house, and their decision shall be final.' We do not learn that the town clerk ever attended to this duty or that the Warner men ever came. ...

"The varied history of our old building for the last sixty years, save that relating to town-meetings, no scribe has written, though much of it is fresh in the memories of older inhabitants. It was often used as a church, for its creed embraced all faiths. When the new church was closed against preachers of other denominations other than its own..the town house swung wide its doors to welcome them. ..It drew many hearers from the new church and often the larger congregation assembled there.

"While the present school-house was in course of building, it accommodated our school.

"To teacher or preacher, to school or to meeting, has our venerable building never been known to shut its door. It has been sort of an omnivorous creature, taking in whatever could or could not find a place elsewhere.

"But the annual town-fair was, for the first four or five years, a real gala-day for the old house. Here were displayed the best products of farm and garden, of dairy and kitchen...

"History repeats itself .;.so in our town-house story, there came another year, 1833, when some thought that the house needed repairing again, and the following year began a war, which, in the to-be-written history of Canterbury, may be known as the third town-house war. The active brains of active men set to work devising the best plan for getting a substantial house. These timbers were examined and found firm and sound, — good for another half century — so, as twice before, the old frame was spared. Now for the repairs. One party would have the outside made rain-proof and the inside remain intact; a second thought it better to renew both outside and inside, letting the building stand on the same foundation; some would raise it a few feet, others would move it forward .;.the party that prevailed ..would raise it enough to admit of horse-sheds underneath, and put the whole building in good condition.

"The work is done, and all now seem inclined to adopt the spirit of the proverb, "All's well that ends well,' and so amiable and sensible a way have our people of submitting to the inevitable that the current of good-will now seems to flow on as smoothly as if nothing had ever disturbed its course. ..We are glad that we can look out to night upon familiar faces, to assure ourselves that we are still residents of our good old town. The hewn oaken braces remain, suggesting strength and at the same time serving as a bond to connect the past with the present...

\*Copies of the complete and unabridged dedication speech are available from Kent Ruesswick, Old Tilton Road.

**Births Registered in the Town of Canterbury, NH**  
for the year ending December 31, 2003

<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
02/12/03	Patia Ellen Fox	Concord, NH	Matthew Fox	Sarah Fox
02/18/03	Reagan Catherine Beauregard	Concord, NH	Daniel Beauregard	Suzann Beauregard
03/05/03	Lyndee Kathleen Lowe	Manchester, NH	Ricky Lowe	Jessica Lowe
03/29/03	Loren Michael Garms	Concord, NH	David Garms	Marian Garms
04/02/03	Colin Robert O'Brien	Concord, NH	Scott O'Brien	Carolyn O'Brien
04/02/03	Aidan Moore Covell	Concord, NH	Darrel Covell	Amy Covell
04/30/03	Lucas Decker Gendron	Concord, NH	George Gendron	K. Decker-Gendron
06/02/03	Thomas Frederick Mortell	Lebanon, NH	Thomas Mortell	Beth Mortell
06/05/03	Brian Joseph Miles	Concord, NH	Stephen Miles	Eren Smith Miles
06/18/03	Ethan Allen Hunt	Concord, NH	John Hunt	Livia Hunt
06/27/03	Emma Rose Parker	Concord, NH	Kevin Parker	Jennifer Parker



07/24/03	Katalyna Maria Mitchell	Concord, NH	Kaileif Mitchell	Carlene Mitchell
07/28/03	Teagan Marigold Ekstrom	Concord, NH	Harold Ekstrom	Mary Ekstrom
08/13/03	Katharine Therese Bent	Concord, NH	Douglas Bent	Jennifer Bent
09/11/03	Nicholas Martin Sherburne	Concord, NH	James Sherburne	Elizabeth Sherburne
09/23/03	Merrick Arthur McNeil	Concord, NH	William McNeil	Francine McNeil
10/06/03	Gus Raymond	Concord, NH	John Raymond	Molly Raymond
11/08/03	Kayla Elizabeth Lowe	Concord, NH	Jamie Lowe	Bonnie Lowe
12/03/03	Madyson Eleanor Cryans	Concord, NH	Christopher Cryans	Tiffany Cryans
12/22/03	Christopher Justin Pare	Concord, NH	Justin Pare	Kathleen Pare

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk

**Deaths Registered in the Town of Canterbury, NH**  
for the year ending December 31, 2003.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Name of Mother</b>
01/16/03	Concord, NH	Donald E. Archambault	Art. Archambault	Rubina Beaudin
02/25/03	Concord, NH	Frieda M. Bois	Herman Doninger	Anna Fehenback
04/16/03	Canterbury, NH	Virginia K. Sembrich	William Kern	Louise Dehler
04/22/03	Laconia, NH	Theodore J. Pashainick	Frank Pashainick	Victoria (Unknown)
04/30/03	Canterbury, NH	Nellie L. Mordarski	Phillip Smith	Mary Hilash
05/21/03	Concord, NH	Colin M. Heath	Chester Heath	Mary Kelley
07/21/03	Concord, NH	Marion Wheeler	Robert Boyce	Doris Templeton
09/26/03	Concord, NH	Herman E. Burt	George Burt	Mildred Hale
10/11/03	Concord, NH	Barry G. Nolin	Gerard Nolin	Irene Gauvin
11/17/03	Canterbury, NH	Dodsworth W. Browne	George Browne	Sarah Dewitt
11/23/03	Canterbury, NH	Ruth C. Goodhue	Charles Cook	Adele Chapin
11/29/03	Concord, NH	Dolores P. Fifield	Nathaniel Pease	Blanche Perron
12/05/03	Concord, NH	Neva Bowler	William Underhill	Mary Taylor
12/11/03	Milford, NH	Margaret F. Kimball	Carl Quigley	Margaret Harwood

# **Marriages Registered in the Town of Canterbury, NH** For the year ending December 31, 2003.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Groom's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Bride's Name</b>	<b>Residence</b>
9/7/02	Keigh E. Bascom	Concord, NH	Sarah A. Boyd	Concord, NH
03/13/03	John M. Luke	Rumney, NH	Dawn M. Monroe	Canterbury, NH
04/08/03	David M. DeJohn	Canterbury, NH	Roberta Hackwell	Canterbury, NH
06/07/03	Daniel P. York	Loudon, NH	Jennifer E. Dufour	Canterbury, NH
06/20/03	Charles E. Glover	Canterbury, NH	Cynthia J. Sawyer	Canterbury, NH
06/21/03	Matthew I. Cole	Canterbury, NH	Kristina Chadwick	Canterbury, NH
06/29/03	E. Charles Sanborn	Canterbury, NH	Wendy Blackman	Thetford Center, VT
07/06/03	Howard R. Fogle	Canterbury, NH	Sharon Rothrock	Reading, MA
07/19/03	Adam R. Shifrin	Epsom, NH	Misty Nault	Canterbury, NH
08/09/03	Steven E. Dudley	Canterbury, NH	Sandra J. Weeks	Canterbury, NH
08/23/03	Thomas P. Dupell	Canterbury, NH	Carrie L. Swain	Canterbury, NH
08/24/03	Scott J. Rondeau	Canterbury, NH	Jenny J. Tatro	Canterbury, NH

08/31/03	Stephen D. Campbell	Canterbury, NH	Moir J. Gagnon	Canterbury, NH
09/14/03	William J. Shine	Canterbury, NH	Tammy L. Peters	Canterbury, NH
10/11/03	Mark A. Clarner	Concord, NH	Michelle M. Ennis	Canterbury, NH
10/11/03	Philip M. Vaughan	Canterbury, NH	Donna Rice	Canterbury, NH
11/15/03	David J. Dobens	Canterbury, NH	Cathy B. Sutton	Canterbury, NH
12/20/03	Osmond S. Lingard	Canterbury, NH	Dorothy McMahon	Canterbury, NH

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Cheryl A. Gordon, Town Clerk



2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Formal" Dance at Da Dump

The 2nd Annual "Formal" Dance at Da Dump was held at the Transfer Station on September 27, 2003. The Barn Cats -- Tim Gurshin, Dick Ray, and John Jordan -- played in the Swap Shop and attendance was more than double the previous year. The dance had three sponsors, Acorn Creative Group, RBC Mortgage, and Sanborn, Head & Associates and a citation was presented to Melanie Stephens for her work with the Transfer Station. Pictured are the King and Queen of 2003, Patti Capone and Norman Bowles, with the King and Queen of 2004, Andy Julian and Donna Peck. The weather was mild, the music was great and a fun time was had by all.

